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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Amended) A mixture of additives for organic polymers in granular form

comprising:

one or more stabilizers for organic polymers; plus

one or more organic or inorganic pigments; and/or

one or more dyes or bleaching agents;

obtained by extrusion at a temperature capable of enabling the partial or total melting

of the lowest-melting of said components, the molten part of which, on solidifying, act as

gluing agent for the remaining components,

said inorganic pigments being selected from the group consisting of iron oxides, carbon

black, talc, China clay, barites, silicates, and sulfosilicates;

said mixture being devoid of said organic polymers and carriers for said components.

2. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 1,

wherein the stabilizers for organic polymers are selected from the group consisting of:

antioxidants, ultraviolet-ray and light stabilizers, metal-deactivators, phosphates and

phosphonites, hydroxylamines, nitrons, thiosynergizing agents, agents capable of

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destroying peroxides, polyamide stabilizers, basic co-stabilizers, nucleating agents, fillers and reinforcing agents, benzofuranones and indolinones.

- 3. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 2, wherein the antioxidants are selected from the group consisting of alkylated monophenols, alkylthiomethylphenols, hydroquinones and alkylated hydroquinones, tocopherols, hydroxylated thiodiphenyl ethers, alkylidenebisphenols, benzyl compounds containing 0, N or S, hydroxybenzylated malonates, aromatic hydroxbenzyl compounds, triazine compounds, benzylphosphonates, acylaminophenols, esters of,β(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid with monohydric or polyhydric alcohols, esters of β-(5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid with monohydric or polyhydric alcohols, esters of β-(3,5dicyclohexyl-4-hydroxyphenyl) propionic acid with monohydric or polyhydric alcohols, amides of β-(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid, ascorbic acid, and aminic antioxidants.
- 4. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 2, wherein the ultraviolet ray and light stabilizers are selected form the group consisting of derivatives of 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazoles, derivatives of 2-hydroxyphenones, esters of benzoic acids optionally substituted, acrylates, nickel compounds, sterically hindered amines and their N-alkoxy derivatives, oxamides, and 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,5triazine.

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5. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 2, wherein other additives are present selected from the group consisting of plasticizers, lubricants, emulsifying agents, rheological additives, catalysts, slip agents, optical brighteners, flame-retardants (bromurates, chlorurates, phosphorates and phosphorous/halogen mixtures), antistatic agents, and blowing agents.

- 6. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 1, wherein the organic pigments are selected from the group consisting of organic pigments of the azo type, azomethines, anthraquinones, perilenes, dioxazines, thioindigo reds, quinacridones, phthalocyanines, blue indanthrones, carbazoles, isoindolinones, isoindolones, benzimilazolinones, and their metal salts.
- 7. (Cancelled)
- 8. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 1, wherein the dyes or bleaching agents, are soluble, insoluable or slightly soluble in water.
- 9. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 8, wherein the dyes which are soluble in water are selected from the group consisting of acid dyes, aminoketones, ketone-imines, methines, nitrodiphenylamines, quinolines, aminonaphthoquinones, coumarins, anthroquinones, and azo dyes.

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10. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 9, wherein the dyes which arc soluble in water contain one or more anionic groups soluble in water.

- 11. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 8, wherein the dyes are soluble in water are selected from the group consisting of salts, metal halides, anthraquinones, phthalocyanines, diarylmethane and triarylmethane; methane, polymethine and azomethine; thiazoles, ketone-imines, acridines, cyanines, nitro dyes, quinolines, benzimidazoles, xanthenes, azines, oxazines, thiazines and triazines which have at least one quaternary nitrogen in the molecule.
- 12. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim
 1, wherein the dyes which are insoluble or slightly soluble in water are selected from
 the group consisting of dyes containing sulfur, disperse dyes and vat dyes.
- 13. (Previously Amended) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 12, wherein the disperse dyes are selected from the group consisting of nitro dyes, aminoketones, ketone-imines, methines, polymethines, diphenylamines, quinolines, benzimidazoles, xanthene, oxazines, aminonaphthoquinones, and coumarins which do not contain carboxylic acid or sulfonic acid groups.
- 14. (Original) The mixtures of additives in granular form according to claim 12, wherein the vat dyes are those applied to fabrics in dispersed solid form and, after development, are still present in a form which is insoluble in water.

15. (Previously Withdrawn) Use of the mixtures of additives according to any of the previous claims in the stabilization and dyeing of organic polymers.

16. (Previously Withdrawn) Polymeric compositions containing an organic polymer and an effective quantity of one of the mixtures of additives according to any of the previous claims.

17. (Previously Withdrawn) End-products obtained from the processing of the polymeric compositions according to claim 16.

18. (Previously Added) The mixture of claim 10, wherein said anionic groups soluble in water are selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acid groups, sulfonic acid groups, and salts of said carboxylic and sulfonic acid groups.

- 19. (Previously Added) The mixture of claim 18, wherein said salts are selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium and ammonium salts.
- 20. (Previously Added) The mixture of claim 11, wherein said salts which are dyes soluble in water are selected from the group consisting of chlorides, sulfates, metasulfates and -- onium chlorides, and said metal halides which are dyes soluble in water are tetrachlorozincates of azo dyes.
- 21. (Previously Added) The mixture of claim 13, wherein said disperse dyes are selected from the group consisting of anthraquinones and azo dyes.
- 22. (New) A mixture of additives for organic polymers in granular form comprising:

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- a) one or more stabilizers for organic polymers: plus
- b) one or more organic pigments or inorganic pigments where the inorganic pigment is selected from the group consisting of iron oxides, carbon black, talc, China clay, barites, silicates, and sulfosilicates; and/or
- c) one or more dyes or bleaching agents; obtained by extrusion at a temperature capable of enabling the partial or total melting of the lowest-melting of said components, the molten part of which, on solidifying, act as gluing agent for the remaining components.
- 23. (New) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 22, wherein the stabilizers for organic polymers are selected from the group consisting of: antioxidants, ultraviolet-ray and light stabilizers, metal-deactivators, phosphates, and phosphonites, hydroxylamines, nitrons, thiosynergizing agents, agents capable of destroying peroxides, polyamide stabilizers, basic co-stabilizers, nucleating agents, fillers and reinforcing agents, benzofuranones and indolinones.
- 24. (New) The mixture of additives in granular form according to claim 22, wherein the organic pigments are selected from the group consisting of organic pigments of the azo type, azomethines, anthraquinones, perilenes, dioxazines, thioindigo reds, quinacridones, phthalocyanines, blue indathrones, carbazoles, isoindolinones, isoindolones, benzimilazolinones, and their metal salts.